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Mary D. Nichols, CA Air Resources Board
1001 "I" Street P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Ms. Nichols,

As a pastor in the San Joaquin Valley, I'm horrified to hear about the initial decision that the California Air Resource Board made in June. I have done too many funerals, visited too many hospital patients, and seen far too much lung disease for this to continue. It must stop and I will help rally the Christian community to ensure that it does. I am ashamed of the lack of concern for human life your committee has exhibited.

Despite numerous health hazards, the Resource Board chose to back the valley's air-quality board decision to extend the region's deadline to meet federal ozone standard by 11 years. This only puts people in danger by exposing them to a toxic environment for another decade. Stricter regulations will allow the Valley to be in compliance for ozone standards by 2013 and the remaining parts of the valley can be in compliance much sooner than 2024. An example of a needed change includes implementing regulations on mobile agricultural equipment--which is exempted in the current plan even though it is one of the largest sources of local pollution. There is no need to extend deadlines until 2024 and put residents' health at risk for an extra decade! Californians know extending the deadline to 2024 is the wrong decision.

You will be meeting in September to approve the entire state plan. At this time, please overrule this dangerous decision and force compliance by an earlier date. There is no need to put people in danger by exposing them to a toxic environment for another decade.

Sincerely,

Rev. Janet Chapman
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